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Erstnachweis von *Aphanus rolandri* (LINNAEUS, 1758) in Albanien (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Rhyparochromidae: Rhyparochrominae: Gonianotini)

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Abstract:

The first record of *Aphanus rolandri* (LINNAEUS, 1758) in Albania is reported. Additional information on the distribution of this species is given.

Zusammenfassung:

Der Erstnachweis von *Aphanus rolandri* (LINNAEUS, 1758) in Albanien wird gemeldet. Ergänzende Informationen zur Verbreitung dieser Art werden gegeben.

Key words: *Aphanus rolandri*, Rhyparochromidae, Heteroptera, Hemiptera, distribution, first record, Albania

Introduction

The genus *Aphanus* LAPORTE, 1833 belongs to the family Rhyparochromidae AMYOT & SERVILLE, 1843 – established by HENRY (1997) – within the suborder Heteroptera of the Hemiptera. 22 species within this genus have been described (DELLAPÉ & HENRY 2018).

Aphanus rolandri (LINNAEUS, 1758) is an unmistakable black ground bug with a characteristic orange or red spot at the base of the wing membrane and a length of 6 to 8 mm.

The species has an Euro-Mediterranean and Pontic distribution. It has been reported from the following European countries: Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal (including the Azores and Madeira), Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain (including the Canary Islands), Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom (including the Channel Islands) (HOBERLANDT 1952; PÉRICART 1998, 2001; PROTIC 2001, 2016; LEZHENINA et al. 2009; ÖNCÜL ABACIGIL et al. 2010; SKIPPER & TOLSGAARD 2013; HANSEN et al. 2015). Furthermore, *A. rolandri* has been reported from Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Georgia, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Libya, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia and Turkmenistan (PÉRICART 1998).

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On 30.06.2017, ALEKSANDER GOLEMAJ was able to photograph a specimen of *A. rolandri* in the city of Vlorë in southern Albania (Fig. 1).

As *A. rolandri* has not been reported from Albania in scientific publications yet, the record mentioned in this paper is the first one for this country.

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Fig. 1: *Aphanus rolandri* (LINNAEUS, 1758) (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Rhyparochromidae), Vlorë, Albania, 30.06.2017. (Photograph: ALEKSANDER GOLEMAJ.)

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